

# Brough Hill Fair Community Association

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## PC 1.2

**At ISH2 held on Thursday 1 December 2022 [EV-003], mention was made by Mr Welch concerning the gypsy and traveller community's concerns over the safety of horses on the proposed site. The Brough Hill Fair Technical Note [REP3-045] analyses a number of close boarded fence options that form both a noise barrier and horse safety fencing.**

**For the Representative of the Gypsy and Traveller Community: Comment on the suitability and height of a close boarded fence to prevent horses getting onto the A66.**

1. We consider that the increased risks associated with construction of a new dual carriageway can be reduced by safety fencing, but no fence can eradicate the risk completely, and the consequences of an accident are significantly greater when heavy goods vehicles are travelling at 60 mph compared to 40- 50 mph on single carriageway, and cars travelling up to 90 mph.
2. As the volume and speed of the traffic increases, so the noise and air pollution will increase. Although the Applicant states that the site was not designated as an area for noise reduction in the original application on the grounds that the site is only occupied for 5 days in the year, this does not take into account the cultural significance of those 5 days. (For further detail on the cultural and heritage aspects, see note in reply to PC1.3 regarding the management of the site, below. ) To summarise, we consider that a dual carriageway next to a horse fair presents risks and disturbance which cannot be neutralised by a fence of any description.
3. In the alternative, and if our preferred option of a route to the North is rejected, a close boarded fence 6 feet 6 inches high, screened with dense hedgerow plants on the inside of the fence, will be the best alternative to re-aligning the route. The gateway to the site will be vulnerable to loose horses escaping on to the road, and we suggest a double gate system enclosing an area large enough to allow one gate to be closed before another is opened for the passage of caravans and horseboxes.

Bill Lloyd  
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Gypsy and Traveller Representatives  
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